

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2, and amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A blind comprising:
a head rail;
a plurality of carriers that can run within the head rail;
a louver hung from each of the carriers;
a first operating device for moving the plurality of carriers along the head rail; and
a second operating device for moving the plurality of carriers along the head rail,
wherein the louvers are moved along the head rail in a determined direction to open a space under a first end of the head rail by manipulating the first operating device, and the louvers are moved along the head rail in a direction opposite to the determined direction to open a space under a second end of the head rail by manipulating the second operating device.

2. (Currently Amended) A blind comprising:
a head rail;
a plurality of carriers that can run within the head rail;
a louver hung from each of the carriers;
a first operating device; and
a second operating device,
wherein the louvers are moved to open a space under a first end of the head rail by manipulating the first operating device, and the louvers are moved to open a space under a second end of the head rail by manipulating the second operating device. ~~The blind according to Claim 1, wherein, among said carriers, the carrier arranged closest to the first end of the head rail constitutes a first master carrier and the carrier arranged closest to the second end of the head rail constitutes a second master carrier, wherein manipulation of the first operating device causes the first master carrier to move toward the second end of the head rail thereby to open the space underneath the first end and manipulation of the second operating device causes the second master carrier to move~~

toward the first end of the head rail thereby to open the space underneath the second end.

3. (Original) The blind according to Claim 2, wherein, within the head rail, an endless first cord connected to the first master carrier is arranged around to move the first master carrier by manipulating the first operating device and an endless second cord connected to the second master carrier is arranged around to move the second master carrier by manipulating the second operating device.

4. (Withdrawn) The blind according to Claim 2, wherein, within the head rail, a first screw rod on which the first master carrier is threadably mounted is rotatably supported to move the first master carrier by manipulating the first operating device and a second screw rod on which the second master carrier is threadably mounted is rotatably supported to move the second master carrier by manipulating the second operating device.

5. (Withdrawn) The blind according to Claim 2, wherein, within the head rail, an endless cord connected to the first master carrier is arranged around to move the first master carrier by manipulating the first operating device, and a screw rod on which the second master carrier is threadably mounted is rotatably supported to move the second master carrier by manipulating the second operating device.

6. (Original) The blind according to Claim 3, wherein either one of said endless first cord and said endless second cord is arranged on a front side of the head rail and the other is arranged on a rear side of the head rail.

7. (Original) The blind according to Claim 3, wherein either one of said endless first cord and said endless second cord is arranged inside of the other of said endless first cord and said endless second cord.

8. (Withdrawn) The blind according to Claim 3, wherein said endless first cord is arranged on the first end's side of the head rail and said endless second cord is arranged on the second end's of the head rail.

9. (Withdrawn) The blind according to Claim 1, wherein each of said carriers is connected to the adjoining ones at a maximum spacing which is equal to a prescribed spacing, and two central carriers among the plurality of carriers are connected to be separable from each other.

10. (Original) The blind according to Claim 1, comprising a spacer link one end of which is fixed to each carrier except the carrier closest to the first end of the head rail, and the other end of which is slidably connected to the adjoining carrier on the first end's side of the carrier for connecting said carrier to the adjoining carriers at the maximum spacing which is equal to the prescribed spacing; and a stopper which permits the passage of the carrier closest to the first end's of the head rail but prohibits the passage of the next carrier, is provided in the vicinity of the first end of said head rail.

11. (Original) The blind according to Claim 1, comprising a third operating device on the first end of the head rail and a fourth operating device on the second end of the head rail, wherein the louvers are turned by manipulating the third operating device or the fourth operating device.

12. (Withdrawn) A blind comprising:
a head rail;
a plurality of carriers that can run within the head rail;
a louver hung from each of the carriers;
a first operating device; and
a second operating device,

wherein the louvers are moved to open the space under both ends of the head rail by manipulating the first operating device and the louvers are moved to open a space under central part of the head rail by manipulating the second operating device.

13. (Withdrawn) The blind according to Claim 12, wherein among said carriers, the carrier arranged closest to the first end of the head rail, constitutes a first master carrier; the carrier arranged closest to the second end of the head rail constitutes a second master carrier; the carrier arranged on the first end's side of central carriers constitutes a third master carrier; and the carrier arranged on the second end's side out of the central carriers constitutes a fourth master carrier; wherein manipulation of the first operating device causes the first master carrier to move toward the second end of the head rail and the second master carrier to move toward the first end of the head rail, thereby to open the space underneath both ends; and manipulation of the second operating device causes the third master carrier to move toward the first end of the head rail and the fourth master carrier to move toward the second end of the head rail, thereby to open the space underneath the central part of the head rail.

14. (Withdrawn) The blind according to Claim 13, wherein, within the head rail, an endless first cord connected to the first master carrier and the second master carrier is arranged around to move the first master carrier and the second master carrier by manipulating the first operating device, and an endless second cord connected to the third master carrier and the fourth master carrier is arranged around to move the third master carrier and the fourth master carrier by manipulating the second operating device.

15. (Withdrawn) The blind according to Claim 13, wherein, within the head rail, a first screw rod is rotatably on which the first master carrier and the second master carrier are threadably mounted is rotatably supported to move them by manipulating the first operating device and a second screw rod on which the third master carrier and the fourth master carrier are threadably mounted is rotatably supported to move them by manipulating the second operating device.

16. (Withdrawn) The blind according to Claim 13, wherein, within the head rail, an endless cord connected to the first master carrier and the second master carrier is arranged around to move them by manipulating the first operating device, and a screw rod on which the third master carrier and the fourth master carrier are threadably mounted is rotatably supported to move them by manipulating the second operating device.

17. (Withdrawn) The blind according to Claim 13, wherein, within the head rail, a screw rod on which the first master carrier and the second master carrier are threadably mounted is rotatably supported to move them by manipulating the first operating device, and an endless cord connected to the third master carrier and the fourth master carrier is arranged around to move them by manipulating the second operating device.

18. (Withdrawn) The blind according to Claim 14, wherein either one of said endless first cord and said endless second cord is arranged on a front side of the head rail and the other is arranged on a rear side of the head rail.

19. (Withdrawn) The blind according to Claim 14, wherein either one of said endless first cord and said endless second cord is arranged inside of the other of said endless first cord and said endless second cord.

20. (Withdrawn) The blind according to Claim 12, comprising a spacer link one end of which is fixed to each carrier except the carrier closest to the first end of the head rail, and the other end of which is slidably connected to the adjoining carrier on the first end's side of the carrier for connecting said carrier to the adjoining carriers at the maximum spacing which is equal to the prescribed spacing; and a stopper which permits the passage of the carrier closest to the first end's of the head rail but prohibits the passage of the next carrier, is provided in the vicinity of the first end of said head rail.

21. (Withdrawn) The blind according to Claim 12, comprising a third operating device on the first end of the head rail and a fourth operating device on the second end of the head rail, wherein the louvers are turned by manipulating the third operating device or the fourth operating device.

Please add the following new claims:

22. (New) A method of operating a blind comprising:
pulling a first cord for operating a first active carrier;
moving the first active carrier longitudinally along a head rail;
pulling a second cord for operating a second active carrier;
moving the second active carrier longitudinally along the head rail; and
moving one or more passive carriers by moving at least one of the first and second active carriers.

23. (New) The method of claim 22, further comprising a louver attached to at least one of the first and second active carriers and one or more passive carriers.

24. (New) A blind comprising:
a first master carrier;
a second master carrier;
a first operating device configured to move the first master carrier longitudinally along a head rail; and
a second operating device configured to move the second master carrier longitudinally along the head rail.

25. (New) The blind of claim 24, further comprising a plurality of passive carriers located in the head rail.

26. (New) The blind of claim 25, further comprising a louver coupled to each of the plurality of passive carriers and the first and second master carriers.

27. (New) The blind of claim 25, wherein the plurality of passive carriers are located between the first master carrier and the second master carrier.

28. (New) The blind according to Claim 1, wherein, among said carriers, the carrier arranged closest to the first end of the head rail constitutes a first master carrier and the carrier arranged closest to the second end of the head rail constitutes a second master carrier, wherein manipulation of the first operating device causes the first master carrier to move toward the second end of the head rail thereby to open the space underneath the first end and manipulation of the second operating device causes the second master carrier to move toward the first end of the head rail thereby to open the space underneath the second end.

29. (New) The blind according to Claim 28, wherein, within the head rail, an endless first cord connected to the first master carrier is arranged around to move the first master carrier by manipulating the first operating device and an endless second cord connected to the second master carrier is arranged around to move the second master carrier by manipulating the second operating device.